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SUBJ: STTENDANCE AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING: NEPAL

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1. GIVEN PROBABLE COMPOSITION OF NEPAL'S DELEGATION TO COLOMBO SUMMIT OF NON-ALIGNED (REFTEL B), WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS ON MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WHO COULD BE APPROACHED BY US OBSERVERS AT MEETING.

2. FOREIGN SECRETARY UDDHAV BHATT IS BY FAR MOST KNOWLEDGABLE AND CAPABLE PROFESSIONAL DEALING WITH NON-ALIGNED. BHATT'S PREVIOUS SERVICE WITH UN DELEGATION HAS GIVEN HIM BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES, AS WELL AS NUMBER OF PERSONA CONTACTS AMONG ALL DELEGATIONS. SHOULD BHATT ATTEND COLOMBO MEETING, WE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM AS FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR ANY US REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CHIRAN THAPA, PERSONAL PRESS SECRETARY TO THE KING, IS THE COUNTRY'S DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER AND AS SUCH WIELDS IMMENSE PERSONAL INFLUENCE WITH KING. THAPA, CONFIDENTIAL

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EDUCATED IN US, IF NOT ALWAYS FAVORABLY DISPOSED, WELL AWARE OF US INTERESTS IN QUESTIONS INVOLVING NON-ALIGNED. THAPA IS SOMEWHAT ALOOF AND SOMETIMES APPEARS TO BE OVERLY IMPRESSED BY HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH KING. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD

NORMALLY PREFER THAT CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS, THAPA WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO
CONSULT WITH US OFFICERS ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. HE
SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED FOR PROCEDURAL SUPPORT. FOREIGN
MINISTER ARYAL, IN OUR OPINION, NEITHER UNDERSTANDS ISSUES
INVOLVED, NOR DOES HE HAVE SUFFICIENT WEIGHT TO ALTER NEPAL'S
POSITIONS. THAPA WILL MAKE THE POLICY; BHATT WILL IMPLEMENT
IT TO THE BEST OF HIS CONSIDERABLE ABILITY.
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